MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know, Sir, whether there was any report from the Devaswom Commissioner that the water supply from Kumbalam *Todu* during the festival had become short at 11 a. m.?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: No, Sir; Government have not received any such report.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Sir, may I know how long the supply of water from the Kallar river has been under the consideration of Government or the Devaswom Commissioner?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I cannot give the exact period but I know what it is under the consideration of the Department at present.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): May I know the shortest distance from the Kallar river to the Sabarimala Temple?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Town*): May I know from Government, whether it is a fact that the number of pilgrims has considerably increased in recent years?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I think so, Sir.

Supply of Kallar river water to Sabarimala pilgrims.

186. MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a proposal before them for the the supply of water from Kallar river to the pilgrims at Sabarimala?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: None with Government, but the Devaswom Commissioner has taken up the subject for consideration.

Petition from the Sabarimala pilgrims.

187. MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a monster petition in 1111 M. E. from the pilgrims that go to Sabarimala, praying for affording certain conveniences to them; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken in the matter?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The following special works were executed:—

(1) Sloping and widening of the portion of the pathway from Erumeli to Azhutha where it descends to the Azhutha river.

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